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THE OCTAGON IS PAINTED

Resplendent in a coat of new paint with all the trimmings, the Octagon awaits, and apparently will have, its full quota of young ladies as guests for the coming session.

With the brushes being vigorously applied by Professor McMurry and Clarence Blackburn, it did not take many days for the dingy and time-worn green to give way completely to the cleanliness of pure white. One coating, then another, and the bulk of the work was done.

Were the many colors suggested to be applied to different windows, the building would have been interesting, if not in good taste. Brown, black, green—even red—were in turn suggested and voted on, the majority favoring the dark green. So, white and green it is, and a very pretty piece of workmanship, if you please, sir. You must come and see it sometime for yourself, an especially grateful invitation being extended to the friends who so kindly supplied the paint.

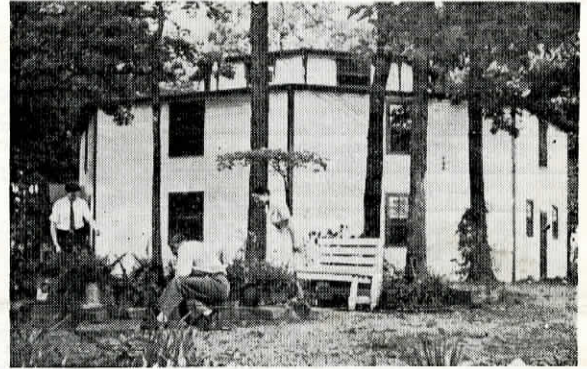
Large Furnace Is to be Installed Soon

When for the third time in two years the small furnace used in heating the administration building and men's dormitory fell down on the job and had to undergo repairs last winter, it was apparent a change had to be made for the coming year.

Very graciously, the Lord opened the way for the purchase of a large steam furnace at least twice the size of our present equipment. Though second hand, it is in good condition and should give many years of satisfactory service. Just recently the heavy sections were transported from Chattanooga to Dayton, so that they are now actually on the ground and ready for installation.

The furnace pit is being dug, in itself no mean task; and after the completion of the pit, it is hoped that installation of the furnace will be under way immediately.

*A Recent Picture of the
Women's Dormitory*



Many who are Worthy A Vital Question: Is It are also Wanting of the Lord?

Throughout this great country of ours, there are many young men and young women whose heart's desire is to go to college—not the desire which enters the minds of almost all of our high school graduates, but the greater desire with a purpose. The desire to prepare for service to the Lord, in our Sunday Schools, in our churches, in our day schools, and in every walk of life. Young men and young women they are who have given their all to Him and who believe He would have them to develop that "all" to its fullest capacity.

Almost daily there comes into the Dean's office a student application such as this:

I am wondering if you will even consider my urgent and earnest plea once more . . . I know that I am not the only student that is going to need financial help in order to attend school, but I am one who needs it very badly . . . I feel the call to full-time service, and I feel that I must better prepare for this great work."

Another must state that only expenses for a part of the first quarter can be paid:

I will be able to pay my tuition for the first quarter plus \$10.00 per month for other expenses, but I will have to work the rest out. I am willing to co-operate in anything because

A Question of Especial Interest to Young High School Graduates

The following letter was written by one of last year's students, now doing missionary work in the mountains. In order that offense may not be given where none is intended, identifying names of people and places have been deleted. Need one ask after reading it: "Is Bryan University of the Lord?"

"In answer to your letter, I want to say regarding the testimony concerning the University and what it has meant and still means to me, that wherever I have opportunity to say anything about the school, it shall be of the highest praise, giving our Lord and Saviour all the credit, for without Him the school could not be all that it is.

"You may rest assured that the work of the office . . . is continually on my mind and in my prayers. Especially do I ask God to be with the quartets and all who go out to represent the school, that each one may be a soul-stirring witness to his Saviour.

"Mentioning the desire for a private room, I, too, stand amazed at not only the changes God wrought but to realize that those changes were much better than my heart's desires.

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—God Above All—

Our Responsibility

By President Judson A. Rudd

As new friends are made for the University (many never having heard of it before), they almost invariably say that we should do more to make the University and its needs known to the really Christian public. Let us say here that this takes time and money, but, if the Lord tarries, we expect to do this increasingly. By means of the NEWSETTE and the Prayer Letter, as well as other means, we expect to make known to larger numbers the opportunities for investing in Christian Education at Bryan. We expect to continue to make our needs known.

From the beginning we have sought to be led of the Lord in writing each Prayer Letter and the articles for the NEWSETTE. We do not claim perfection, but we are convinced that He has led in the writing of most Prayer Letters and NEWSETTE articles.

To every contributor to the University, to every Trustee, to every student, and to every staff member we recognize a definite responsibility to perpetuate the University; but our first responsibility is to God. They, too, have their responsibilities to God, and only God has the wisdom to harmonize our responsibilities to them. Therefore, we have sought the wisdom that is from above.

As time has passed we have understood better "the ways" in which the Lord has led us. From the beginning we have often consulted His Written Word for guidance, and we have avoided anything that seemed contrary to His Word, even though it seemed reasonable to the natural mind. We have read about God's leading in the lives of such men as Hudson Taylor of the China Inland

Atheizing Our Schools

It is quite a frequent thing for students to be ridiculed and publicly insulted before their classes by some sophistical, scornful, atheist professor because of their religious convictions. This is the same method practiced and urged by Voltaire. He said, "Render those pedants as ridiculous as you can. Ridicule will do everything." To this Dr. Timothy Dwight, then President of Yale, replied: "The course which needs these weapons cannot be just. The doctrine that cannot be supported without them must be false." Yet this is one of the most subtle weapons used by atheistic professors in "weaning young people" from their faith in God.

We have an army of fine, God-honoring men and women who are educators and do not prostitute their calling. They labor to lead youth into paths of nobility and usefulness. But self-centered, egotistic, deceitful teachers, dwarfed in soul and often in mind, condemn them. Their pernicious influence is inoculating many who will be teachers in our public schools. The springs of our entire educational system are being poisoned. We have teachers both in our colleges and public schools who are enemies of Christianity, drunken rakes, moral scavengers, a menace to

community and nation, who are unfit to teach cattle, much less our youth.

A popular method of teaching atheism is under the claim, "We present all sides and theories, and let the pupils decide." Under this deceitful sham Atheism and Communism are being taught in our tax-supported colleges and universities today. Behind this sham certain teachers are putting over the propaganda of Soviet Russia as they filter its oozy virus into the minds of children. "All sides" are of course not presented. The side of Christianity is caricatured rather. If Christianity is not to be taught in American schools, it should not be fought there.

A few months ago a college professor said before his class: "Well, this idea of hell! I guess the first thousand years they will sizzle, fry the second thousand, and roast the next thousand." Another professor said: "I never studied the Bible much, but I regard it as hocus." It reminds one of a tom-tit twitting impudently against Gibraltar; a molehill saying to the Alps: "Get out of my way!" What self-centered effrontery. What gullible professors! —R. C. Campbell, Baptist Secretary of Missions in Texas, in his book, "Youth and Yokes."

Mission and George Muller of the Bristol orphanages. It is worthwhile to learn why God led these men to conduct their works of faith as He did. It is profitable to study the methods of those missionary and Bible-teaching ministries that have been so richly blessed of the Lord in our day. Back of each are and have been men of great faith. In most cases God has been doing "a new thing," no two being exactly alike.

Quite naturally, we desire to let those know our needs who are interested in giving or who might reasonably become interested in giving. To do this is a service to the giver. To make the needs known to someone who is definitely not interested as a friend, as a prayer helper, or as a giver is wasted effort. Attending a conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, recently, I planned to leave on a train shortly before a picnic lunch was served on the grounds. The perfectly natural and proper thing was to tell the ladies, who were anxious to be of service, that a lunch in a sack would be appreciated. They joyfully

responded to the appeal with a double portion and insisted that a drink of iced tea be taken before leaving. When the need was known, the need was met.

We have no intention of soliciting "unwilling gifts". God's people need not beg. In the future we hope to use better and better means of presenting the needs intelligibly to those who are anxious to help as the Lord enables and as He directs. We most certainly do not want to tell anyone when or how much he shall give or where. We sow the seed but God giveth the increase.

More and more we desire simply to let our friends know of what is being accomplished and what we propose to do next with funds placed with us for stewardship. Numbered receipts, now being used, will enable us to give an exact account of our stewardship. We propose to continue the use of Statistical Sam, but we remember and urge our friends to remember that spiritual values are primary, and facts and figures are secondary.

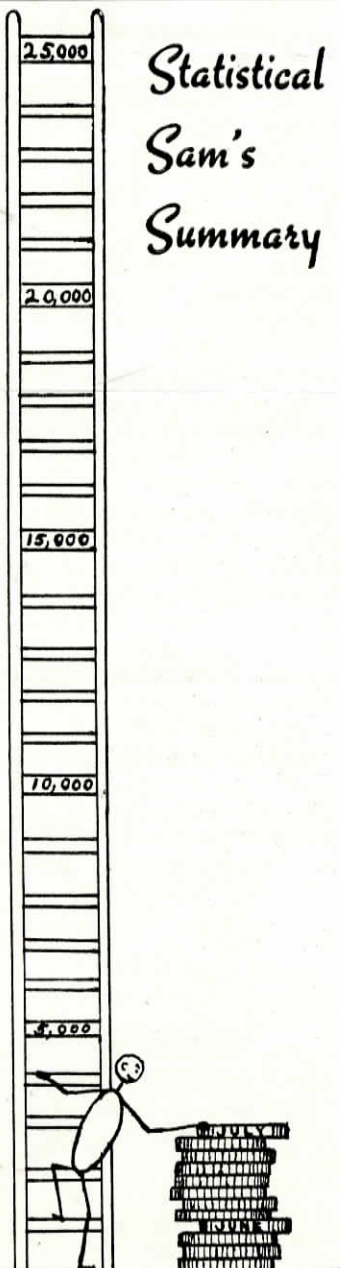
HAMMERS

Do you carry hammers
With you all the time?
Are you ever knocking
People down the line?
Are you now a member
Of the wrecking crew?
Knocking, knocking, knocking
Work that others do?

If you use your hammers,
Join another crew,
Keep on with those hammers,
But work with just the few;
Knock all forms of evil,
Leaving just the good,
That's the only way, friend—
Use them as you should.

—Ethel Burington

Statistical Sam's Summary



MANY WHO ARE WORTHY

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I just feel the Lord wants me to go to Bryan and although I realize there are many obstacles, there surely is a way.

The University is doing much to help these young people through the channels of self-help employment, available loan funds, and good-will grants; but there is a limit which is all too soon reached. From time to time faculty members and fellow students have contributed to the expenses of other students.

How we rejoice when we receive, unrequested, a letter which reads:

For some time I have been considering the matter of aiding a young man . . . to prepare himself in your institution.

How we rejoice that the Lord has given to this one the desire to help, for from such desire may come blessings threefold: the giver is blessed in the giving of the help to one who would otherwise be unable to attend the University without carrying so heavy a load of work that his studies would suffer; the user is blessed in that his time in the University will bring greater opportunities for advancement and less likelihood of physical strain, or it may even mean the difference between continued education and withdrawal from school; the University is blessed because it increases its opportunity for service to a greater number of young people and at the same time provides a portion of the funds necessary to make that service available.

Awaiting action of the Admission Committee at present are perhaps a dozen applications which indicate a definite need for financial backing. We invite your prayerful consideration of this need and shall be happy to provide as much information as possible about definite cases. Will you not consider the need and, as the Lord leads, invest in one of these young lives?



Gift Receipts, June 1 to June 30 \$ 996.09

Gift Receipts, July 1 to July 31 1,955.46

Total Gift Receipts to July 31 \$2,951.55

Well—here we are, starting the climb again. With each of my friends giving me a boost, I have high hopes of going clear to the top this year.

Sam

IS IT OF THE LORD?

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God never hinders us in having what we wish but that He gives us in its place something far more pleasing and more beneficial than we could wish for.

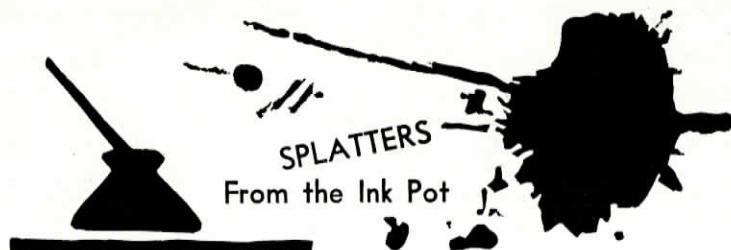
"I do not find things as I expected nor hoped they would be. We cannot understand our Master's leading at times, but I rest assured that He knows best and leave all things in His hands to work out . . . I thank God that He is the Creator, Straightener, and Adjuster of all things. I just need to put into practice my lessons learned in patience and keep my eyes on Him.

"There is great need for enlightenment on spiritual subjects, for the condition of ignorance is pitiful. Your prayers are appreciated more than words can possibly express. Continue to lift me up in prayer that I might truly be kept humble and filled with the Spirit and used in a mighty way to point lost souls to the Lamb of God.

" . . . I have been advised to let this particular church alone—yet, in my heart I have a longing to help the poor ignorant people and trust my opportunity will be in this revival. I've heard nothing about the shed blood of Christ except the times I was asked to teach the young people's class.

" . . . I thank my God for leading me to Bryan and giving me the knowledge of the Rapture, Second Coming, and other matters learned under Reverend Levengood so that I was a channel of Blessing to that teacher and group of young people, some lost, and almost all utterly ignorant of the most important matters of life. Need? To be sure there is need, and how can I shake the dust from my feet and go in another direction when there is so much darkness to be given the Light of the Gospel. Prayer changes things.

"So pray and pray and pray."



Mrs. Hill—Greenwood Hills, Pa.: We have had and still have about 130 people since Saturday. Hazel came to help out during the two weeks' rush . . . Send my G.W.H. bell in dining-room. We've had two out—one a tiny tinkle and the other a cow bell. I'm lost without one.

Mitchell West—en route: The conference ended yesterday, and I feel that each of us has been richly blessed. We were privileged to hear some wonderful messages . . . Five professed to take Him as their Saviour and fifteen offered themselves for full-time service.

Eleanor Estep—Bellwood, Pa.: It has been wonderful to see how the Lord works in lives and how He answers prayer and cares for His children. Today we are filled with self, it seems. We, as groups of young people, desire pleasure, fellowship meetings to entertain ourselves, but our responsibility is to be busy about souls, not self. I shall still remember you and the rest of the Bryan family in prayer.

Paul Theobald—Beaver City, Neb.: I don't know what my reaction is to those special Soph. exams next spring, but . . . ! Don't know whether you are going to publish any circular advising students on each other's whereabouts and activities or not . . . I enjoyed reading that as much as the Newsette, not ever having been to Bryan . . . will be running the tractor today . . . taught Sunday School yesterday.

Margaret Ann McKimmon—Wiloughby, Ohio: The Girls' Quartette was in town Saturday; Eileen called me up. I had left word that I would pay for the call, and if she didn't put it through person-to-person!! The toll was three times what a straight call would have been . . . wait until I see Eileen (two paragraphs censored here—Ye Ed.) . . . quartette at conference Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Levengood staying at our house. Any word from H.? I haven't had even a "Why?"

Jesse Humbert—Martinsburg, Pa.: I have been to Altoona several times

to Young People's Conference. Talked to Virgil Sorge. Also to a girl who expects to enter Bryan . . . may be three or four freshmen from there next year . . . My niece reminds me of Russell—lots of hair and likes to hold her head up . . . some girl. Have printed 114 pages of the book so far . . . will have 250 . . . Well, I'm all set for Bryan next fall . . . P. S.: I still look over the Searchlights. Have a few new ideas already.

Eltha Wright—Sevierville, Tenn.: I realize there is a great needy field before me, but the Lord is going to give me victory . . . Am praying the Lord will open the way for me to attend conference, if it is His will.

Jean Neff—Keswick Grove, N. J.: Swimming is great here; regardless of how warm the day, the water is always cool underneath. At night after all the services and fun of the day we have prayer groups with twelve to a group.

Homer Wright—Green Cove Springs, Fla.: I've been rather busy doing nearly all of the housework. Have to cook, sweep, scrub, wash dishes, cut the wood, and a few other little jobs—I feel like an old maid! (And we thought folks went to Florida to rest!)

Eileen Hartschuh—Akron, Ohio: Well, our trip is over, and it hardly seems possible. We had such a grand time—we six got along like peas in a pod, and that added a lot to the pleasure . . . It was great to travel, meet people, eat delicious foods, but most of all to be in the service of the Lord.

"Snitz" Rahiser—Evans City, Pa.: Called back to the mill to work in accounting department until some of the vacationists get back, then at some other job. Saw one of the quartets from Bryan last week—it was sure swell to see them again—just like seeing folks from home.

Marion Barth—St. Cloud, Fla.: Plans not definite for next year . . . if I go, I hope I will be a testimony to those who do not know the Lord as their personal Saviour. Thank you for the catalog. I enjoy looking at it.

Louise Post—Greenwood Hills, Pa.: Certainly the Lord is in this place! Have had such fine messages that seem to lift one right into the heavens. It is helping me both physically and spiritually.

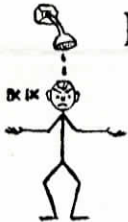
Neil Benfer—Eagles Mere, Pa.: I'm ready to come South—miss the whole works from the day I left until this present moment.

What's Your Name?


Frequently reports turned in by representatives are written under unusual conditions and are difficult to decipher. If your name or address is not correct on this paper, won't you let us know—writing very plainly? Thank you!

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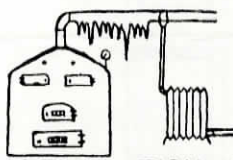
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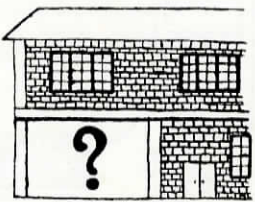
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